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Emotional Clark funeral

Brother throws himself on casket after prayer

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Stephon Clark was buried Thursday following a funeral service bristling with politics and raw emotion for the 22-year-old Sacramento man whose shooting death by police 11 days ago has sparked protests and calls for police reform while drawing national attention to the city.

As many as 500 mourners packed into Bayside of South Sacramento Church, where speakers such as national civil rights leader the Rev. Al Sharpton bemoaned the deaths of black men at the hands of police and scolded President Donald Trump for not speaking out. Hundreds of additional mourners lingered outside in the sun, unable to get inside the church. TV trucks stood parked out front.

Clark's brother Stevante Clark hurried to the front of the church after the opening prayers and threw himself on the casket as performers danced. Sharpton and others hugged him and spoke to him, attempting to calm him. Stevante, who caused an outburst at Tuesday's City Council meeting, grabbed

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The Rev. Al Sharpton, left, speaks to Stevante Clark during the funeral services for his brother, police shooting victim Stephon Clark, at Bayside of South Sacramento Church. Stephon Clark, who was unarmed, was shot and killed by Sacramento police officers on March 18 in his grandparents' backyard.

Sharpton rebukes Trump for silence on Stephon Clark slaying

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The Rev. Al Sharpton, a civil rights activist and former adviser to President Barack Obama, criticized President Donald Trump on Thursday for his silence following the fatal police shooting of

Stephon Clark this month. "He has not said anything about this," Sharpton said. "Trump should speak out, and there should be policy."

Sharpton, an MSNBC talk-show host, spoke with The Sacramento Bee before Clark's funeral Thursday in south Sacramento.

Clark died March 18 when two Sacramento police officers fired on him in the backyard of his grandparents' home. Officers had responded to the Meadowview neighborhood to check out a neighbor's report that someone was breaking car windows.

A police helicopter pilot

spotted Clark jumping over a backyard fence, and officers on foot pursued him. They apparently believed the cellphone Clark was holding was a gun.

Sharpton came to Sacramento to give the eulogy for Clark's funeral service at the Bayside of South Sacramento Church,

where Clark's grandmother attends services.

"We will never let you forget the name of Stephon Clark until we get justice," Sharpton told attendees.

Sharpton rebuked the president a day after White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the Clark shooting was a "terrible incident" but one that local police should handle.

"It's not a local matter," Sharpton said in

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Protest blocks light rail, traffic but not Kings fans

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Activists protesting the police shooting of Stephon Clark blocked downtown Sacramento streets again Thursday, taunting stoic police and angry drivers, but they ended their latest march without going near Golden 1 Center, where the Kings were playing the Indiana Pacers amid heightened security.

In addition, the Kings announced a plan early Thursday to partner with activist organizations such as Black Lives Matter to provide educational support for Clark's two young children and others.

The latest protest began around 3 p.m. outside the office of Sacramento County District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert. Protesters have been demanding that Schubert prosecute the officers who shot and killed Clark on March 18 in his grandparents' backyard in Meadowview. The demonstration ended about 3½ hours later outside Schubert's office after winding through downtown streets, blocking some intersections and halting light-rail trains.

Blocks away, a different gathering unfolded as thousands of Kings fans flowed into Golden 1 Center after being shut out twice in previous home games due to protests. Fans expressed optimism Thursday, thanks to temporary fences erected earlier in the day that were intended to give police and security more control over who entered the arena plaza.

Protesters initially said Thursday they were not planning to march, but eventually headed down G Street around 3:45 p.m. toward the nearby federal courthouse, where they believed the Rev. Al Sharpton would appear.

"Whose streets? Our streets!" they chanted as they walked through an empty G Street.

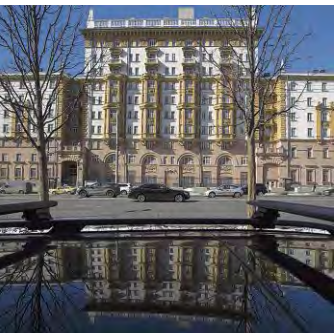
A diverse group of protesters reached the federal courthouse at Fifth and I streets around 4:10

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